

[Please add the following claims:]

21. (New) A mobile communication device according to claim 1 wherein the device is a cordless telephone handset.

22. (New) The method according to claim 19 wherein the mobile communication device comprises a cordless telephone handset.

REMARKS

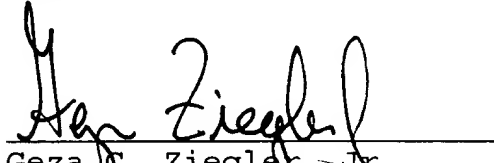
1. Claims 1-20 are amended. Claims 21 and 22 are new. A marked-up version of the rewritten claims is attached hereto.

2. Claims 1-20 were amended to change "cordless telephone handset" to "mobile communication device". It is submitted that the changes to the claims do not further limit or narrow the claims and are not made for reasons related to patentability.

For all of the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now present in the application are clearly novel and patentable over the prior art of record, and are in proper form for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested. Should any unresolved issues remain, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

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Marked Up Claims

1. A [cordless telephone handset] mobile communication device comprising:

telephone circuitry having a front side, the front side of the telephone circuitry having a top end and a bottom end; and

a housing having a top shell and a bottom shell, the top shell and the bottom shell being disconnectable;

wherein the housing is adapted to substantially enclose the telephone circuitry when the top shell and the bottom shell are mated in a direction from the top end to the bottom end.

2. The [cordless telephone handset] mobile communication device of claim 1 further comprising a user interface, the user interface usable by a [cordless telephone] mobile communication device user on the front side of the telephone circuitry.

3. The [cordless telephone handset] mobile communication device of claim 2 wherein the user interface comprises a display, the display viewable by the [cordless telephone] mobile communication device user through the housing.

4. The [cordless telephone handset] mobile communication device of claim 2 wherein the user interface comprises a touch pad, the touch pad interfaced to by the [cordless telephone] mobile communication device user through the housing.

5. The [cordless telephone handset] mobile communication device of claim 1 further comprising a seal between the top shell and the bottom shell, the seal being adapted to isolate the telephone circuitry within the housing from water outside the housing.

6. The [cordless telephone handset] mobile communication device of claim 1 wherein the housing is adapted to be interchangeable with a second changeable housing that is changeable by a [cordless telephone] mobile communication device user.

7. The [cordless telephone handset] mobile communication device of claim 6 wherein the second changeable housing has a different predetermined characteristic than the housing.

8. The [cordless telephone handset] mobile communication device of claim 1 wherein the housing is adapted to be interchangeable with a second changeable housing that is

changeable by a [cordless telephone] mobile communication device user without the use of a tool.

9. The [cordless telephone handset] mobile communication device of claim 1 further comprising at least one fastener, wherein the fastener is adapted to couple the top shell to the bottom shell.

10. The [cordless telephone handset] mobile communication device of claim 9 wherein the fastener comprises a latch.

11. The [cordless telephone handset] mobile communication device of claim 9 wherein the fastener comprises a rotatable key.

12. A waterproof [cordless telephone handset] mobile communication device comprising:

a housing having a first shell and a second shell, the first shell and the second shell being disconnectable by a [cordless telephone] mobile communication device user; and

a seal between the first shell and the second shell, the seal being adapted to isolate telephone circuitry within the housing from water outside the housing;

wherein the housing is adapted to be interchangeable with a second changeable housing that is changeable by the [cordless telephone] mobile communication device user.

13. The [cordless telephone handset] mobile communication device of claim 12 further comprising a user interface having a display, the display viewable by the [cordless telephone] mobile communication device user through the housing.

14. The [cordless telephone handset] mobile communication device of claim 12 wherein the second changeable housing has a different predetermined characteristic than the housing.

15. The [cordless telephone handset] mobile communication device of claim 12 wherein the housing and the second changeable housing can be changeable by the [cordless telephone] mobile communication device user without the use of a tool.

16. The [cordless telephone handset] mobile communication device of claim 12 further comprising at least one fastener, wherein the fastener is adapted to couple the first shell to the second shell.

17. The [cordless telephone handset] mobile communication device of claim 16 wherein the fastener comprises a latch.

18. The [cordless telephone handset] mobile communication device of claim 16 wherein the fastener comprises a rotatable key.

19. A method of assembling a [cordless telephone handset] mobile communication device comprising the steps of:

providing telephone circuitry having a front side, the front side having a top end and a bottom end;

providing a housing having a top shell and a bottom shell, the top shell and the bottom shell being disconnectable;

mating the top shell and the bottom shell around the telephone circuitry in a direction from the top end to the bottom end of the telephone circuitry.

20. The method of assembling a [cordless telephone handset] mobile communication device according to claim 19 further comprising the step of connecting the top shell to the bottom shell with a fastener.